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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Las Vegas Field Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301

In Reply Refer To: NV059 1792

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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This FEIS described and analyzed the potential environmental impacts of three alternatives for the disposal and use of lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the disposal boundary established by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA), as amended by the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002.

The alternatives included the Proposed Action, Conservation Transfer Alternative, and No Action Alternative. The Conservation Transfer Alternative has been selected as the BLM's preferred alternative and this has been noted in the FEIS. The reasons for this selection have been documented in the Record of Decision (ROD).

Comments regarding the FEIS will be accepted for 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register. As allowed by 40 CFR §1506.10, the BLM is announcing its decision and publishing the ROD concurrently (copy attached) with this FEIS. The ROD with appropriate approval signatures is posted on the project web site (http://www.nv.blm.gov/lvdiseis). Please direct comments on the FEIS and ROD to:

Las Vegas Valley BLM Land Disposal EIS PBS&J; 2270 Corporate Circle, Suite 100

Henderson, NV 89074-6382 E-mail: lvblmeis@pbsj.com

Website: http://www.nv.blm.gov/lvdiseis

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

As a member of the public, you have a right to appeal the BLM's decision in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 if the decision is adverse to you *and* you believe the decision is incorrect. If you appeal, the following procedures must be followed:

• The Notice of Appeal must be in writing and filed (postmarked) within 30 days of the date of publication of the EPA's NOA in the Federal Register.

- Fully state your reasons for appealing the decision.
- The Notice of Appeal must be addressed to the Field Manager with a copy to the Regional Solicitor and the Interior Board of Land Appeal at the following addresses:

Las Vegas Field Manager	Office of the Regional Solic itor	Interior Board of Land Appeal
Bureau of Land Management	Pacific Southwest Region	Office of Hearings and Appeals
4701 North Torrey Pines Drive	2800 Cottage Way, E-1712	801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300
Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301	Sacramento, CA 95825	Arlington, VA 22203

In accordance with 43 CFR §4.21, you may file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of the approved ROD pending review of your appeal. A petition for a stay must accompany your Notice of Appeal and show sufficient justification based on relative harm, likelihood of success on the merits, immediate irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

The BLM appreciates your interest in this project. Should you require any additional information, please contact Jeff Steinmetz, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Las Vegas Field Office at (702) 515-5097.

Sincerely.

Field Manager

Enclosure